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the spending, we're really going to save money. We're not going to worry about 233,550 bucks for kids eating breakfast. We might even be able to talk in terms of big, big savings in the state. I know also the reason that the equalized issue came up in the first place was that there were people in the committee, and probably Senator Raikes and Senator Wickersham, who wanted to make sure that it would apply to those who, and for good reasons, that really needed the program. You know, simply put, we're already there. It's a small amount of money really in the scheme of things. It makes a lot of sense. It's one of those things, for a nickel, can make a big difference in the lives of a lot of kids. We'll find out later on how we profited from this, I'm sure. But we want to make awfully sure as we finish discussing this issue that we don't want to make it look like kids that come to school for breakfast must come from homes where the parents aren't worth a damn. Let's make sure that we understand that kids that come to school for breakfast sometimes are from families where they don't have a chance and time to get breakfast because the parent, especially, a...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...single parent lady, just can't get it to the kids when they're hungry enough to eat it. We shouldn't take it out on the kid, and it isn't the family's or the mother's fault. But it's our fault if we don't provide an opportunity for them to have a good breakfast. I hope you support this bill.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Lynch. The question is the advancement of LB 26 to E & R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk, next item.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the next item is LB 26A. (Read title.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Lynch, recognized to open on LB 26A.